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DECREE COMPULSORY CONSOLIDATION OF FARM LANDS -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 25 Jul 51

Last winter, over 260 cities and towns earned the title of Socialist Town, over 70 percent of their working peasants having joined producers' cooperatives. Cities in this classification include Turkeve (population, 13,000), Kisujszallas (population, 14,000), Karczag (population, 25,000), and Mezotur (population, 25,000).

Introduction of modern agricultural methods requires large tracts of arable land. However, the holdings of many producers' cooperatives are scattered over a large area and consist of small lots, so that considerable time is lost in moving the machines from one small field to the other.

The scattered character of farm land presented a serious problem to Type I producers' cooperatives, which require large tracts for efficient operation. On the other hand, Type III producers' cooperatives, the lands of which had been consolidated in single large tracts during 1949 or last fall, achieved excellent results. In 1950, the average wheat yield on these consolidated tracts was 1.20 quintals per cadastral yoke in excess of the average of the smaller fields. This year, the difference in yield will be even greater.

According to a recent resolution of the Council of Ministers, consolidation of land strips operated by producers' cooperatives has been made compulsory in 79 cities and towns. The execution of the resolution will be entrusted to local committees which will include the presidents of the producers' cooperatives, the managers of the local state farms, and representatives of the Working Peasants' Association.

In expropriating farm lands for the purpose of compulsory consolidation, working peasants will receive the most considerate treatment. The fields assigned to them in exchange will equal in value their original holdings. Second in importance will be industrial workers who also own farm land. Lastly, kulaks and gentlemen farmers will be given compensation for their expropriated holdings.

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Execution of the compulsory consolidation program must not interfere with threshing, stubble plowing, and second planting. The transfer of the expropriated farm lands will be effected after the crops have been collected.

It is to be expected that the kulaks will make desperate efforts to sabotage the consolidation of farm lands or to worm their way into the producers' cooperatives. These attempts must be met with the greatest severity.

AGAIN PERMITS FORMATION OF PRODUCERS' CO-OPS -- Budapest, Magyar Kozlony, 22 Jul 51

On 25 February 1951, the Minister of Agriculture suspended the licensing of new producers' cooperatives in order not to interfere with the spring work in agriculture. This decree is now revoked, and the Minister of Agriculture again will give permission for the formation of new producers' cooperatives.

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